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SUBJECT: SORSA REPORTS ON SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL DISARMAMENT
STUDY GROUP MEETING IN PARIS

REF: HELSINKI 1309

1. FINNISH PRIME MINISTER AND SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY
CHAIRMAN KALEVI SORSA RETURNED JULY 12, 1978, FROM THE
FIRST MEETING OF THE SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL'S (SI)
DISARMAMENT STUDY GROUP HELD IN PARIS. THE STUDY GROUP
WAS FIRST ANNOUNCED AT THE SI DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE IN
HELSINKI LAST APRIL (REFTEL). THE GROUP WAS FORMALLY
ESTABLISHED AND SORSA NAMED ITS CHAIRMAN AT AN SI
BUREAU MEETING HELD IN DAKAR IN MAY.

3. SORSA TOLD THE PRESS UPON HIS RETURN FROM PARIS
THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT RESULTS OF THE 2-DAY MEETING
WERE THE DEFINITION OF QUESTIONS TO BE DEALT WITH BY
THE GROUP AND THE OUTLINING OF ITS SCHEDULE. HE SAID
THE NEXT MEETING WILL PROBABLY BE HELD IN VIENNA IN
FEBRUARY 1979. HOWEVER, THE STUDY GROUP WILL PRESENT A
PRELIMINARY REPORT TO THE SI CONGRESS SCHEDULED TO BE
HELD IN VANCOUVER, CANADA, THIS AUTUMN. THE FINAL STUDY
GROUP REPORT IS EXPECTED TO BE READY IN 1980, SORSA SAID.
THE GROUP INTENDS TO VISIT BOTH THE UNITED STATES AND
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THE SOVIET UNION AND TO CONTACT NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES
AND THE UNITED NATIONS.

3. ACCORDING TO SORSA, THE STUDY GROUP HAS ASKED SI
MEMBER PARTIES TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON: THE CURRENT
SITUATION IN THE DISARMAMENT AREA GENERALLY; CONVENTION-
AL, CHEMICAL AND NUCLEAR WEAPONS; AND THE ECONOMIC
IMPACTS OF DISARMAMENT, I.E. THE EFFECTS OF DISARMAMENT
ON DEVELOPMENT AID AND EMPLOYMENT.

4. SORSA EMPHASIZED THAT THE FINAL REPORT WILL EXPRESS
THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS' STAND ON DISARMAMENT. HE SAID
THE REPORT WILL NOT COMMIT THE MEMBER PARTIES, BUT HE
ASSUMES IT WILL CERTAINLY GUIDE THEIR OPINIONS. SORSA
PREDICTED THE REPORT WILL HAVE RESULTS VISIBLE IN NATION-
AL POLITICS THROUGH THE MEMBER PARTIES, AND WILL ALSO
AFFECT PUBLIC OPINION.
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